

NEWS OF THE LODGES.

SCOTTISH RITE OFFICERS ENTERTAIN THEIR FRIENDS NEW YEAR'S.

A Thousand Callers at the G-Street Headquarters—New Officers of Recharitable Lodges—Notes for Other Secret Society Brethren.

The following Masonic bodies meet upon the evenings of the ensuing week:

Subordinate Lodges.—Masonic Temple—Benjamin B. French No. 15, Monday, 5th; Penitentiary No. 23, Monday, 5th; National No. 12, Tuesday, 6th; Washington Centennial No. 14, Wednesday, 7th; New Jerusalem No. 9, Thursday, 8th; St. John's No. 11, Friday, 9th; Hope No. 20, Friday, 9th.

A. A. S. R. Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Cathedral: Osiris No. 26, Wednesday, 7th; Harmony No. 17, Thursday, 8th. Blue-Room: Columbia No. 3, Wednesday, 7th.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—Potomac No. 5, Monday, 5th; George C. Whiting No. 22, Thursday, 8th.

Masonic Hall, Uniontown—Anacostia No. 21, Monday, 5th.

Royal Arch Chapters.—Masonic Temple—Lafayette No. 5, Tuesday, 6th; Columbia No. 1, Wednesday, 7th; Washington No. 2, Thursday, 8th; Eureka No. 4, Friday, 9th.

Commanderies Knights Templar.—Masonic Hall, Georgetown—Potomac No. 3, Wednesday, 7th.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.—Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Mithras Lodge of Perfection, Tuesday, 6th.

Osiris Lodge will confer the 3d next meeting. Lebanon Lodge No. 7 will confer the 1st degree Friday evening.

Eureka Chapter No. 4 will confer the Mark degree Friday evening.

La Fayette Chapter No. 5 will work the Royal Arch January 6.

Hope Lodge No. 20 will transact routine business Friday evening.

Harmony Lodge No. 17 will confer the 1st and 2d Thursday evening.

Potomac Lodge No. 5 will transact routine business Monday evening.

Brother F. McC. Criswell is filling his new office with exceptional grace and dignity.

Washington Centennial Lodge No. 14 will devote Wednesday evening to the second and third degrees.

The members of the Scottish Rite, as will be seen in another article of this column, know how to enjoy New Year's Day.

The Past Master's jewel presented to Bro. James H. Wardle, of Lafayette Lodge No. 19, is one of the handsomest in the jurisdiction.

Gen. Albert Pike's condition continues about the same. Brethren of the Rite are in constant attendance, a detail being made nightly to sit up with him.

The affairs of Lafayette Chapter No. 5 are in a highly flourishing condition. The M. E. H. P., L. C. Wood, and the Secretary, W. A. Craig, are kept very busy, but they like it.

The meeting of Mithras Lodge of Perfection on Tuesday evening will be unusually attractive. Brother Roome, the Venerable Master, is constantly aiming to make the meetings of this body interesting.

Noble Mix, of Almas Temple, daily visits the Cathedral. It is suspected that he is in charge of some of the property of the shrine which needs daily care. Goats, in connection with the above, will be deemed antique fun.

The disastrous fire which destroyed the Masonic Temple in Baltimore is the subject of deep regret to Masons throughout the country, and Grand Master Shryock, of Maryland, has been the recipient of many sympathetic messages.

Washington Council Royal and Select Masters at the annual meeting, held at the sanctuary of the Scottish Rite, on G street, on the 31st of December, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Alexander H. Holt, T. Ill. Master; William Oscar Roome, R. Ill. Deputy Master; David Miller Cridler, Ill. Frin. Cond. of the Work; James Lansburgh, Treas.; George E. Corson, Recorder. The officers will be installed at the next stated assembly, on Saturday, the 31st of January.

The Masonic Board of Relief elected at the last meeting the officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Thomas F. Gibbs, President; J. N. Birkhead, Vice President; Lurtin R. Ginn, Secretary; W. H. Douglas, Treasurer. The meeting of the general board for the United States and Canada will be held in this city next fall, and resident Masons should see to it that a proper programme for their entertainment is arranged. The work done by the board is of great value to the lodges, and this will be an excellent opportunity of showing the proper appreciation of their efforts.

Saturday evening, the 27th instant, the Grand Lodge installation ceremonies were held, the communication being called, as usual, at 6 o'clock. After important business had been transacted the following officers were installed: Thomas F. Gibbs, Grand Master; F. G. Alexander, Deputy Grand Master; L. C. Williamson, Senior Grand Warden; H. S. Merrill, Junior Grand Warden; W. R. Singleton, Grand Secretary; C. C. Duncan, Grand Treasurer; Joseph Hamacher, Grand Lecturer; C. B. Smith, Grand Chaplain; David G. Dixon, Grand Marshal; George W. Baird, Senior Grand Deacon; John F. Blackmar, Junior Grand Deacon; J. S. Tomlinson, Grand Sword Bearer; W. C. Bickford, Grand Pursuivant; S. C. Palmer, Senior Grand Steward; Harry Standiford, Junior Grand Steward, and Thomas J. Edwards, Grand Tyler.

One of the most graceful compliments which has ever been paid any brother of the jurisdiction was the reception tendered by the members of Columbia Lodge No. 3 on Monday evening last to the newly-installed Grand Master, Thomas F. Gibbs, who is a Past Master of that lodge. The installation ceremonies occurred upon Saturday evening, and his own lodge, desiring to be the first to receive him officially as Grand Master, arranged a special communication for the Monday following. The manner in which the project was carried out reflects great credit upon the brethren who originated the idea. The lodge was only open for a short period, allowing time for the members to congratulate Bro. Gibbs, when an adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where Bro. James H. Trimble had prepared an elaborate supper. After the good things had been discussed, Past Master John R. Thompson, who acted as toast-master, introduced Grand Master Gibbs, who expressed himself as highly honored and deeply touched by the kindness and fraternal feeling of the brethren of his own lodge. The toast-master, who is known as one of the most eloquent, dignified, and witty talkers of the jurisdiction, then introduced the following brethren, each of whom responded to appropriate toasts: Past Grand Master James A. Sample, Deputy Grand Master F. G. Alexander, Senior Grand Warden L. C. Williamson, Worshipful Master George S. King, Past Masters H. C. Darrah, Granville Mason, M. W. Moore, A. W. Mussey, W. S. Macgill, W. W. Wetzel, and numerous other brethren. The evening closed with an appropriate Masonic parting amid the universal expression of all present that it was one of the most pleasant in their recollections. Among the brethren present were noted the following: Senior Warden Fellows, Junior Warden Tullock, Senior Deacon Perry and Junior Deacon

Russell, Brothers Bowdler, Sillers, Clements, Newell, White, Myers, Stoddard, Deneane, Patrick, J. T. Smith, Luckett, Oliver, Swan, Dejeater, Limerick, Rodgers, and Scott Young.

The officers of the several Scottish Rite bodies—William Oscar Roome, 33d degree, Venerable Master of Mithras Lodge of Perfection and Wise Master of Evangelist Chapter Rose Croix; Joseph C. Taylor, 33d degree, Commander Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh, and Alex. H. Holt, Grand Cross of Honor, 33d degree, V. M. K. of Albert Pike Consistory—tendered to the brethren of the Rite and their friends, members of the Masonic fraternity, a reception on New Year's Day. The officers enumerated above heartily welcomed their guests in the front offices and then transferred them to the care of Bro. James H. Trimble, 33d degree, who added new fame to his reputation as a caterer in preparing a magnificent luncheon for the large number of callers, a thousand of whom paid their respects during the day. Among them were noted Grand Master Thomas F. Gibbs, Grand Secretary William R. Singleton, Edward F. Droop, Hon. J. M. Clapp, Hon. John Nichols, W. H. Douglas, W. J. Hay, W. J. Acker, Aaron Bell, W. H. Barstow, A. B. Bennett, Neill Dumont, A. M. Lambeth, A. I. Rodgers, R. E. Fugitt, S. S. Shedd, C. C. Helmick, Jesse F. Grant, Weston Flint, John M. McKinney, J. H. Austin, F. McC. Creswell, J. Harry Cunningham, J. C. Allen, A. W. Pentland, Aaron Baldwin, J. D. Herrington, 33d degree of Kansas; Joseph H. Cunningham, W. Hamilton Smith, Isaac Gray, J. L. Amos, G. Y. Atlee, E. A. Bachrach, Aaron Baldwin, Robert Ball, G. W. Ballock, G. H. Barker, Thomas E. Hatch, A. R. Appleman, William Barnum, I. N. Cole, M. J. Hull, C. G. Conger, A. B. Bennett, W. P. Challer, William Briggs, M. M. Evans, C. E. Bronson, Louis Goldschmidt, C. M. Coen, William McK. Goodlove, G. E. Carson, L. R. Ginn, William Frederick, D. M. Cridler, C. W. Hancock, F. R. Fava, J. A. Cross, Thomas Dowling, T. L. Fowler, Orville Drown, Albert Herman, J. Kerr, J. R. Hermann, Meyer Hermann, A. McChercher, Samuel Hermann, N. J. Lowy, W. W. Leonard, D. P. Hickling, J. M. Leitch, J. M. Hodges, Frank Hoffa, A. M. Lambert, James Lansburgh, E. S. Holmes, O. R. Merrill, F. B. Miller, J. R. Howard, E. F. Lawson, Emil Huck, E. M. Mix, John Nichols, G. E. Noyes, P. B. Otterback, Martin O'Connor, D. C. Sawtelle, S. S. Shedd, W. G. Parks, J. C. Terce, J. C. Taylor, M. S. Tappan, A. D. Poots, G. W. Pratt, A. B. Proctor, F. P. Russell, J. A. Runyan, H. W. Smith, C. A. Riddle, J. C. Rhinehardt, C. B. Smith, J. K. Robinson, A. S. Rodgers, F. H. Thomas, A. W. Roome, Edw. Roome, W. P. Vetherall, G. J. Thomson, W. S. Roome, H. J. Rothrock, Frederick Tulp, J. S. Tomlinson, S. E. Tomlinson, Levi H. York, J. H. Trimble, Matthew Trimble, E. M. Willis, D. S. Walton, Allen Wall, W. W. Vaughn, Jr., George H. Walker, G. W. Wright, 33d degree, of Niagara Falls, and H. C. Darrah.

Independent Order of Rechabites.

(F. E. DeYoe, H. C. R.)

High Secretary Mahoney reports the organization of eight tents during December.

George C. Thompson Tent No. 3 is making preparations to give the Grand Tent officers and visitors a royal welcome at their next meeting.

Camack Tent No. 42, Junior, had receipts to the amount of \$80 at their recent entertainment, and gained forty in membership last quarter.

Anacostia Tent No. 138, Union Tent No. 87, Union Tent No. 57, Junior, Heber Tent No. 19, George C. Thompson Tent No. 4, and Capitol Tent No. 19, Junior, had initiations during the past week.

Camack Tent No. 56 has elected officers as follows: G. H. Daniels, Sh.; J. A. Patty, C. R.; D. Mellinger, D. R.; W. Hebard, R. S.; C. A. Darling, F. S.; William Mobley, T.; Robert Martin, L.; Henry Christie, I. G.; W. H. Sanford, O. G.; Job Harris, P. C. R.

Columbia Tent No. 1 has elected these officers: J. W. Soper, Sh.; T. M. Downing, C. R.; Thomas C. Pollock, D. R.; J. C. Jett, R. S.; Edward R. Mahoney, F. S.; J. C. Towler, T.; M. F. King, L.; George Crawford, I. G.; J. C. Talbot, O. G.; Philip Steele, P. C. R.

Camack Tent No. 42, Junior, has elected Willie Mahoney C. R.; Henry Sisson, D. R.; Walker Babson, P. C. R.; E. Woods, R. S.; Otto DeMoll, F. S.; William Mobley, T.; Arthur Proctor, L.; Claude Dawson, I. G.; E. Johnson, O. G.; John R. Mahoney, S.; Job Harris, C.

George C. Thompson Tent No. 3 elected the following: E. Atchison, Sh.; J. E. Coulter, P. C. R.; W. W. Cordell, C. R.; J. E. Atchison, D. R.; T. L. Salkeld, R. S.; W. H. LaStrange, F. S.; B. F. Jones, T.; A. Wise, L.; J. H. Medford, C.; Representatives to Grand Tent, T. L. Salkeld, J. J. Coulter, W. W. Cordell, and William H. Cocker.

Capitol Tent No. 19, Junior, has elected these officers: James Crawford, C. R.; L. Gertman, D. R.; George Wright, R. S.; William Pyles, F. S.; R. Griffith, L.; Clifford Smith, I. G.; M. Perkins, O. G.; George Smith, Jr., P. C. R.; B. Miltstead, C.; George W. Shoemaker, Sh.; J. T. Harrison, T., and representative to the Grand Tent, B. Miltstead.

Union Tent No. 57, Junior, elected the following on Wednesday night: J. Bunch, C. R.; O. Phillips, D. R.; W. Matchett, F. S.; E. Smithson, F. S.; William R. Hunt, T.; C. H. Brown, L.; C. W. Steers, Jr., I. G.; J. B. Ballenger, O. G.; Charles W. Steers, Sh.; Edmund Burke, Coun.; J. R. Hunt, P. C. R., and Representative to Grand Tent, Charles W. Steers.

Union Tent No. 87 has elected the following: P. W. Burch, Sh.; J. B. French, C. R.; W. F. Roche, P. C. R.; W. S. Brown, D. R.; W. R. Hunt, R. S.; A. H. Hunt, F. S.; N. Bunch, T.; Thomas Barnack, L.; A. H. Price, I. G.; Edmund Burke, O. G.; J. H. Loveless, C.; Representatives to Grand Tent, Edmund Burke, J. H. Loveless, W. F. Roche, and W. S. Brown.

Salem Tent No. 154 and Anacostia Tent No. 180 have consolidated and elected the following officers: Charles Bladen, Sh.; Leon Miltstead, C. R.; J. T. Lovelace, D. R.; Thomas W. Scott, R. S.; George W. Shoemaker, F. S.; J. B. Redd, T.; R. Padgett, L.; George Johnson, I. G.; H. Beach, O. G.; B. Miltstead, C.; Representatives to Grand Tent, J. T. Harrison, J. E. Minnix, S. R. Mundell, and James H. Goddard.

Independent Order of Rechabites.

(A. M. Dewey, H. C. R.)

Past High Chief Ruler J. J. Murray will address the Eagle Lodge to-morrow night.

High Chief Ruler A. M. Dewey has a call for several temperance lectures in Pennsylvania.

The Friendship Juniors will be favored with a lecture by Bro. M. E. Byrne next Saturday evening.

Eagle Tent No. 2 at its last meeting was visited by High Chief Ruler Dewey and Grand Chief Ruler Woodford.

Grand Chief Ruler E. S. Woodford was greeted by many friends on the celebration of his silver wedding Monday.

Bro. James Coyle, of Friendship Tent No. 73, who has been residing at Rockaway Beach, N. Y., has returned to the city.

High Secretary-Treasurer L. M. Patterson reports that orders for the revised and copyrighted ritual are rapidly coming in.

Virginia Tent No. 5, Alexandria, Va., is rapidly increasing in membership. Bro. Edgar Thompson is the energetic Deputy High Chief Ruler.

Friendship Tent No. 73 next Saturday evening after initiating five candidates will be addressed by Grand Representative J. L. Wright and Deputy Grand Chief Ruler E. C. Lucas.

SOME SPORTING GOSSIP.

WHAT IS TALKED OF DURING THE WINTER INACTIVITY.

The Prospects for Base Ball in Washington—A Proposed New Rule in the Columbia Club—General Sporting Talk.

Now, then, boys, let's all pull together for a big joint regatta next September.

The C. A. C. billiard tournament, the middle of this month, promises to be an exciting affair.

Eddy Walsh says he is very anxious to see in-door base ball started here, as it would suit him to a letter.

The Potomacs will hold an important meeting this week, when legislation is to be mapped out for the year.

Mr. H. B. Bennett, recently elected president of the National Base-ball Club, is an active member of the Potomacs Athletics.

It is said that Messrs. Gawler and Finckel have gone into regular training for their bout on Friday evening next. It will be a corker.

Ralph Lee has won favor among his club mates for his successful foot-ball campaign, and he should be remembered at the annual election.

Jack Robinson, of the Potomacs, quietly slipped off to Baltimore last week and made his second venture into matrimony. Well, we hope he will have lots of happiness.

The ball of the Manhattan Athletic Club on Wednesday last in New York was attended by over five thousand people, McAllister's Four Hundred being largely represented.

What's the matter with the Amateur Union clubs of the city getting up an in-door sparring and athletic event? Every city is having such an affair, and our lively athletes should follow suit.

If any one runs up against a stray bicycle he will please corral it and send word to Professor Crossley, at the C. A. C. Some evil-disposed person stole the one belonging to the Professor on Friday evening, while at the Post Building.

The regular fortnightly in-door athletic meeting of the Columbia Athletic Club did not come off last night. It was thought best to postpone it, owing to the distractions of the holiday times. It will come off next Saturday night.

Secretary Schmidt, of the Potomacs Athletics, is now regarded as the champion French-pool player of that organization. A series of games between him and Dr. Roulette is talked of, and if arranged will attract a good deal of attention.

Charley Mills, of the C. A. C., though away off in Texas, still remembers his old associates. He sent a beautiful Christmas gift to the club. It was an engraving, "One of the Fates," and it was brought about by cruel Fate keeping Charley away from his chums here.

Porter, the foot-ballist from Lehigh, who is now an enthusiastic Columbia Athletic Club man, is very desirous of rowing in the eight-oared crew next summer. He has had considerable experience as an oarsman, having been a member of the Toronto Rowing Club.

The Potomacs will give their third in-door meeting on Friday evening at their club-house. The idea of preceding the athletic with a musical has met with great favor, as it serves to bring to the front the musical talent in the organization. The athletic features will be interesting.

New Yorkers are having lots of pleasure these winter nights over in-door base ball, and the various amateur teams are having a series of games for the championship. There is also a movement on foot to inaugurate foot-ball, and the New York Athletics are arranging for a revised system of rules for such a purpose. Unfortunately for this city, there is no hall or building here large enough for the sport, unless the power-house of the Seventh-street cable line could be utilized.

A rather prominent Columbian is very anxious to arrange a series of games at pyramid pool with the best of the Potomacs Athletics to determine which club has the better players. In the C. A. C. are some of the best amateur pool players in the District, and if the Potomacs have any experts now is the time to bring them to the front. In Bob Wade, Bernie Sims, Winfield Lerner and others the C. A. C. have a good array of talent, while, it is said, the Potomacs can rely on John Noah, Norris, Sawyer, and others to uphold their end.

It is now said that the governors of the Columbia Athletic Club have given up the idea of increasing the dues of members, and in lieu thereof will issue bonds to the value of ten dollars to each member, the funds maturing in two years. It is necessary that some such action be taken to meet outstanding obligations. These bonds can be used for dues, and in case of a new member can be sold for part payment of entrance fee. It is a wise and practical solution of the difficulty, as in two years the members can turn the bonds in for dues. The opposition to an increase of dues comes from the younger element, and this solution is certainly satisfactory to them.

The Columbia Athletics are seriously thinking of starting a new rule in regard to the extension of courtesies at their club-house. At present there is no limit placed on members bringing friends into the house. Nine-tenths of the visitors are local people, and the house is often crowded. It is a fact that certain non-members are seen as frequently about the house as many of the members. This does not exactly suit the taste of other members whose money helps to keep the organization afloat. To offset this it is thought a rule will be adopted prohibiting the extension of invitations to local residents except on specified occasions, and the only ones that can be brought in on regular invitations are residents of other cities. This will also bring into the club a lot of people who have been using the place as a resort. It is a good movement.

The students of the University of Pennsylvania are much exercised over the statement that their foot-ball team is liable to disqualification by the Amateur Athletic Union for having played a professional on their eleven in their match with the Rutgers College team at the meeting of the States Island Athletic Club in the Madison Square Garden on December 13. The professional is Wagonhurst, of Princeton, '88, who was debarred from representing the yellow and black last year on account of having previously played on the New York professional base-ball team, and is now engaged as a physical instructor in the U. of P. It is stated that the matter will be brought before the A. A. U. at the next meeting of the board of managers. According to the laws of the A. A. U., which are endorsed by the Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the L. A. W., the clause of the amateur definition relating to this case is as follows: "or has not competed with or against a professional for any prize or where admission fee is charged." It is stated that the match was merely an exhibition and the team is therefore not culpable, but as gate money was charged they may be regarded as still guilty under the letter of the law, as are also the Rutgers team, who played against a professional. Athletics in this vicinity are of opinion that the matter will not be pressed, as it would involve too many complications and the players are thought to have acted innocently.

BASE BALL.

Among the players Manager Trott is negotiating with are "Cub" Stricker and Mark Baldwin. "Dude" Latham is wintering at his home in Lynn, Mass., and is playing on the local polo team.

President Thurman, of the American Association, will be in town Monday to consult with the leaders of the club here.

Haddock is at his home in Boston engaged in a business, that he has established out of his salary as a ball-player. Haddock is a credit to the profession.

A prominent base-ballist offered to make a big wager last week that before February 1 the National Club will be a full-fledged member of the American Association.

The happy smile that adorns the face of Director Scanlan is reassuring to the friends of the National Club that there is good news in the wind. As a wire-puller in base-ball circles Mr. Scanlan cannot be surpassed.

Whistler, of the New Yorks, is not only a first-baseman, but a second-baseman and an outfielder. The first position he ever held was in the outfield. It would not be a mistake to give him a place in New York's outfield next season, as he will certainly be one of the heaviest hitters in the League.

The statement published in the Post of yesterday that Whistler will play first-base for the National Club next season is a mistake. Whistler will play on the New Yorks this year, and this statement was made to the New York Sun on Saturday by Mr. John B. Day, president of the New York Club. "He is too great a player to be allowed to leave us," said Mr. Day.

There is a good deal of interest among base-ball cranks as to whether Jim O'Rourke will play on the New York team next season. The question cannot be answered, as it is not known how much weight the orator's letters have had on John B. Day. The latter told a reporter some time ago that O'Rourke would never play on any team with which he had anything to do with.

Joe Hornung has had a fine of \$50 remitted which Umpire Lynch imposed for no other reason than that Hornung objected to a decision which was, to the spectators, manifestly wrong. Lynch called Hornung out when he played a splendid trick by sliding in under the first-baseman and really reaching the base safely. The matter was left to President N. E. Young to decide, and the other day he sent a check for the amount of the fine.

President Thurman, of the American Association, is a strong advocate of the admission of Washington into the Association, and is negotiating to effect that end. Rochester and Syracuse have been fixed, and their retirement is only a matter of arranging details. With Toledo it is another thing, as the Ohioans have so far refused every offer to retire. It is understood that they desire \$15,000 for their franchise, and the Association is willing to give \$8,000.

Anson's team for next year is complete. Tommy Burns signed the other day. In addition to the men who played with the team last season Anson has secured Graff, late catcher of the Rivertons, of Riverton, N. J. Graff is an athletic young man with a remarkable record. He caught in forty-four games during 1890, had only four errors, led his team in stolen bases, and made eighty-eight clean base-hits. The old man has also signed young Dalen, the phenomenal second-baseman of the Cobleskill Club, of the New York League.

NEW TREASURY NOTES.

Complaints About Inferior Quality Explained and Answered.

Assistant Secretary Nettleton said yesterday that the complaints which have recently appeared in the newspapers respecting the inferior wearing quality of the small denominations of the new Treasury notes were not unexpected by officials of the Treasury Department who are familiar with the subject. The demand for small denominations, he said, has been so great and so pressing that the new notes were hurried into circulation before they were fairly dry. The natural result is that the paper is brittle, or furry, according to the treatment the note may receive in use, while the ink rubs off or smirches somewhat easily. These defects, he said, will disappear as soon as a sufficient supply of the notes is accumulated so that they may lie in the treasurer's vaults a short time and season. He added that similar complaints have been made of every new issue of currency, and were particularly emphatic in 1886, when the new issue of the silver certificates was made.

BABY INCUBATORS.

Two of Them Running Constantly in the Quaker City.

Philadelphia Record.

The "couveuse" in the Women's Medical College is an institution much in demand. It is occupied constantly by some tiny tenant that is not strong enough to live in the open air, and it was not long ago that a duplicate "couveuse" had to be imported from Paris. The two are now in full operation, turning out strong, wholesome babies.

The French word "couveuse" means "a brooder," and is applied to the little incubator in which weak infants are put until they grow strong enough to live like common babies and breathe the air of the rest of mankind. It is a very simple apparatus, easily made, easily manipulated, and serves an excellent purpose. It is a plain hard-wood box, 28x20x15 inches in dimensions. Six inches from the bottom there is a floor, through which there is an opening made, about three inches wide, across the foot end. On this floor the nest for the little tenant is made of a thick bat of cotton, covered with the softest flannel. The top of the box fits tightly, and is made of glass. At the head end of the box there is an open register, three inches in diameter, which admits the air into the lower chamber of the "couveuse."

This air passes over five bottles of hot water placed in the basement apartment, and goes up through the opening in the floor at the foot. At this opening three good-sized sponges are suspended on a wire. The sponges are kept damp, and moisten the air which comes up from off the hot bottles. Over the head of the baby is a little chimney in the top of the lid, through which this air passes out. In this chimney is a little tin indicator, which is moved constantly by the current of air. When it stops the attending nurse knows that the circulation of the air has been shut off.

There was a baby in the "couveuse" last night, and it looked as happy on its bat of cotton as a bird would in its nest. The temperature is kept anywhere from 80° to 90°, according to the strength of the infant, the weaker ones having the hotter surroundings. When the head nurse lifted the little fellow out of its warm, moist bed, it kicked about in a very lively fashion.

This pioneer baby incubator was brought from Paris over a year ago, and it has never been without an occupant. The new one is also in constant use. Not a single infant that has been brought up in either of them has died, and there have been a great many housed there. The treatment must be very wholesome, for the head nurse said that the average increase in the weight of the infants is about thirty grams daily.

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